

Kimball Area Public Schools

Independent School District #739

P. O. Box 368

Kimball, MN 55353-0368

Monday, April 2, 2018

RE: Waiver extension request for appealing FRN due to 2016 bulk upload error

To Whom it may concern:

Our school district received a USAC funding commitment letter for the 2016-2017 school year, that due to bugs/errors/bad code in the bulk upload spreadsheet, we believe our FRN had a number of errors in it that has cost our small rural districts thousands of dollars. We have contacted USAC countless times on this topic and had a number of open cases with them attempting to get to the bottom of the problem. Each time a case is opened, it takes weeks and months to get answers. Many times when we call in as a follow up, we are issued a new case number.

In between all of the calls, emails, case numbers and correspondences, a decision letter had been issued that we did not see or understand on the EPIC landing page and we missed the 60-day appeal window. As we had a minimum of four customer cases open with USAC regarding these issues, we simply missed our window to appeal the FRN. We believe without a doubt that the bulk upload tool caused our FRN to be jumbled and caused all of our issues with quantities and pricing.

We recently (November 2017) filed an appeal with USAC and it was it was denied due to the appeal being filed more than 60 days after the date of your decision letter was issued.

We simply ask the FCC to rule to extend our window to appeal this decision for the 2016-2017 funding year.

The details:

- 2016 ERATE funding cycle
- FRN: 1699074355, Wave 12
- USAC 471# 161035344

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Per enclosure:

All items in green are correct in the enclosed spreadsheet

All items in orange are incorrect in the enclosed spreadsheet

All items in blue show funds allotted to us that we could use in future years

On the spreadsheet, all items in green match our 471 exactly. All items in orange show where the quantities needed are greater than the 471 form shows (discrepancy) and finally, all the items in blue indicate where we only needed a few of the items and someone the upload tool increased the number of items by larger quantities. Thus, things are completely scrambled.

Of the 14 items on this 471, 10 of the 14 have different quantities then what we entered. Could we have made one or two entry errors, absolutely. Three entry errors... doubtful. 10 entry errors. NO WAY.

As it is well known that the first version of the upload tool had many bugs and was withdrawn from use and completely redesigned, we believe that the upload tool somehow scrambled our data significantly, thus costing our very poor and rural district thousands in funding. We are asking the FCC to overlook the deadline and review the spreadsheet then correct the funding request to match what is actually needed to fulfill the project.

Thanks,

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